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Georgia Tax Booklets In The Mail

ATLANTA - The Georgia Department of Revenue has begun mailing tax preparation instruction booklets to approximately 1.9 million Georgia taxpayers in preparation for the 2000 tax-filing season.

As a cost saving measure, approximately 852,000 electronic filers from last year and 464,000 potential TeleFiling taxpayers will not be mailed a tax booklet.

"We encourage those who filed electronically last year to do so again this year," said Bobby Goolsby, Director of the Department of Revenue's Income Tax Division.

He added, "this year, individuals with a balance due can file electronically."

Goolsby explained that the benefits of electronic filing include faster refunds, more accurate returns and eliminates manual processing of paper returns.

Goolsby announced that the state is introducing TeleFiling this year for eligible taxpayers.

"TeleFiling is for single taxpayers with no dependents, who earn less than \$57,200 in total income and are eligible to file their federal return by TeleFiling," he explained.

Potential TeleFilers will receive federal booklets from the Internal Revenue Service and state booklets from the Georgia Department of Revenue.

"Just like electronic filing, TeleFiling will speed up your refund," Goolsby said.

"However, taxpayers cannot TeleFile unless they receive the federal TeleFile packet."

"Individuals who receive the packets and cannot TeleFile can contact the Department of Revenue for assistance or visit our website at www.state.ga.us/departments/dor," added Goolsby.

Information, forms and assistance in filling out tax returns is available at any of the Department's regional offices, the DOR web site or by calling 404-656-8477 within metro Atlanta; outside the metro area call 877-602-8477.

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